FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Additional share capital to Regional Rural Banks is being provided in a phased manner and till the end of the 1987-88 out of 196 Regional Rural Banks, 106 Regional Rural Banks were sanctioned second instalments of share capital. NABARD has reported that the cases for additional share capital during 1988-89 are being recommended on the basis of overall performance of RRBs. The case of Rani Lakshmi Bai Kshetriya Gramin Bank has not yet been recommended by NABARD for second dose of share capital.

Demand for Statehood to Delhi

1115. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various political parties and organisations have demanded statehood for the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The demand for grant of Statehood to Delhi is voiced by political parties from time to time.

(b) The Committee on the Re-organisation of the Dlehi set-up which has been appointed to consider and make recommendations for re-organising and rationalising the administrative and municipal set-up of Delhi is yet to submit its report. However, no proposal for the grant of statehood to Delhi is under consideration of Government.

Financing of Jharkhand movement

1116. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 13th January, 1989 regarding financing the Jharkhand movement by certain voluntary organisations in the country receiving contributions from foreign donors; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The facts in this regard are being ascertained and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Chinese rifles to Jharkhand activists

1117. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'AAJ' (Ranchi-Patna) dated the 20th January, 1989 to the effect that Jharkhand activists are getting China made rifles etc. and that they have prepared a 'hit-list' also;

(b) whether it has also been mentioned in the newspaper, that Christian Missionaries are helping people relating to Jharkhand Agitation, if so, what are the facts of the case/news; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to overcome these problems to avoid blood-shed in Chotanagpur area of Bihar State?

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